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SUBJECT: SEC INVESTIGATION OF ICD

REF: NASSAU 1230

1. DEPARTMENT HAS CONSULTED WITH SEC RE REFTEL. MEETING BETWEEN SEC AND ICD ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 10 IS TENTATIVE AT THIS POINT DUE TO SCHEDULING PROBLEMS OF SEC REPRESENTATIVES. SEC IS DISCUSSING POSSIBILITY OF RESCHEDULING MEETING WITH ICD. WE WILL ADVISE AS SOON AS DEFINITE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE. SEC CONCURS IN YOUR RECOMMENDATION THAT EMBOFF BE PRESENT AT MEETING.

2. DEPARTMENT AND SEC CONCUR IN COURSE OF ACTION OUTLINED IN REFTEL. HOWEVER, PURPOSE OF PROPOSED SEC MEETING WITH GCOB OFFICIALS WAS NOT MERELY TO CONFIRM GCOB POSITION RE TESTIMONY OF ST. GEORGE AND PRICE-WATERHOUSE (WHICH LETTER SHOULD TAKE CARE OF), BUT FOR BROADER PURPOSE OF ADVISING GCOB AS TO STATUS AND NATURE OF CASE. SEC SUSPECTS THAT THERE MAY BE SOME MISUNDERSTANDING ON PART OF AT LEAST SOME GCOB OFFICIALS CONCERNING SEC MOTIVES AND OBJECTIVES, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND FELT IT MIGHT IMPROVE ATMOSPHERE IF THEY WERE TO

EXPLAIN MATTER TO GCOB DIRECTLY.

3. ACCORDINGLY, DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS THAT AMBASSADOR MENTION TO ADDERLEY, IN COURSE OF DELIVERING LETTER ON AUGUST 6, THAT WE BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR SEC REPRESENTATIVES TO MEET WITH GCOB OFFICIALS AT SOME POINT IN THE REASONABLY NEAR FUTURE TO DESCRIBE INVESTIGATION TO THEM. SEC WOULD NOT BE SEEKING ANY SPECIFIC ACTIONS, INFORMATION OR COMMITMENTS FROM GCOB, BUT WOULD WELCOME ANY QUESTIONS GCOB MIGHT WISH TO RAISE CONCERNING INVESTIGATION. PLEASE ADVISE AS TO ADDERLEY'S REACTION TO THIS SUGGESTION. HABIB

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